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SUBJECT: DESAI REFUSES TO COMMENT ON B.P. KOIRALA

1. ACCORDING TO A SAMACHAR ACCOUNT, AT HIS PRESS
CONFERENCE JANUARY 12, PRIME MINISTER DESAI DECLINED
TO COMMENT ON THE ISSUE OF B.P. KOIRALA BECAUSE IT WOULD
BE INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE.
ASKED ABOUT J.P. NARAYAN'S APPEAL FOR KOIRALA'S
RELEASE, DESAI SAID THAT IT WAS FOR THE KING OF NEPAL
TO DECIDE. HE WAS FREE TO DO WHAT HE WANTED. A CORRESPONDENT
THEN ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER HOW HE RECONCILED HIS
POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE WITH THE YUVA JANATA PARTY
DEMONSTRATION BEFORE THE NEPALESE EMBASSY (WHICH
OCCURRED JANUARY 10). DESAI REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT
"YOU MUST KNOW THAT YUVA JANATA IS NOT A PART OF THE
JANATA PARTY, AT LEAST NOT YET."
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